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Dear Industrial Hemp Applicant,

Enclosed is an application for a license to grow industrial hemp as well as a copy of the Hemp licensing law (7 MRS Chapter 406-A § 2231) and Departmental rules (Chapter 274) concerning growing industrial hemp in Maine. Please read the application carefully, be sure to complete all sections and include any additional required information (growing area maps, copies of seed certification etc.) before returning the application with the appropriate fee.

The Industrial Hemp License is non-transferrable. Please keep that in mind when completing the application.

Industrial hemp is a new crop to Maine and we appreciate your patience as we develop this new program. Below is some information that you may find useful while filling out your application.

Explanation of Fees

Maine law requires that the Department cover the costs of operating the industrial hemp program by charging an application fee, license fee and a per acre fee. These fees are as follows:

- \$100 application fee – this fee must be submitted with the application.
- \$500 license fee – this fee is due after approval of the application and must be submitted with the signed licensing agreement.
- \$50/acre fee – this fee is due after approval of the application and must be submitted with the signed licensing agreement.

Fees collected will cover Departmental costs including, but not limited to:

- Inspector travel costs including time to and from the growing area to take crop samples for THC content analysis;
- Costs of transporting crop samples to a lab for THC content analysis;
- Laboratory fees for testing crop samples;
- Costs of equipment and supplies used in sampling;
- Departmental time reviewing applications, preparing licensing agreements and issuing licenses;
- Other administrative costs.

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Please note that the fees charged will only cover THC testing for one composite sample taken to represent the entire licensed crop. Licensees that wish to have individual growing areas or varieties tested separately will be responsible for paying any additional laboratory costs.

Certified Seed Source

Maine law requires that industrial hemp be planted using a certified seed source. The industrial hemp rule (Chapter 274) defines a certified seed source as one that is certified according to AOSCA (Association of Seed Certifying Agencies) or other approved standards and comes from plants that were tested during the active growing season and found to produce industrial hemp with 0.3% THC content or less.

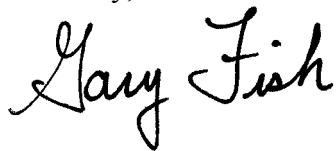
The Department understands the very limited availability of industrial hemp seed and the certified seed source requirements are difficult or nearly impossible to meet. While the Department is required to verify and collect documents which indicate the industrial hemp seed planted comes from a certified seed source, at least for 2016 we can be somewhat flexible on the form this certification may take. Acceptable forms of certification could include a letter, form or other written verification or combination of these documents that at a minimum includes:

- Third party (someone other than the applicant and the grower of the seed) THC content testing results for the industrial hemp. The third party should be identified on the testing results;
- THC content test results must be for the variety or varieties included on the application and preferably for the specific lot of seed to be planted;
- Results of THC content testing and the date tests were conducted;
- The name of the seed supplier and origin of the seed.

As industrial hemp seed certified by AOSCA, or other official seed certification programs becomes more available, the Department will review and revise our policies and issue stricter guidelines for acceptable documentation of seed certification.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 207-287-7545 or email gary.fish@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Fish". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Fish
State Horticulturist



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2016 Industrial Hemp License Application

Applications must be received by July 1

Please Type or print clearly (incomplete or illegible forms will be returned). Maine law requires all growers of industrial hemp obtain a license. (7MRS Chapter 406-A § 2231)

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Website:** _____

Alternate Contact Information

List any additional persons authorized to receive correspondence either by mail, email or phone and/or accept legal notices. Use an additional sheet if necessary

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Applicant License History

List any previously held industrial hemp license numbers and year of issuance, attach a separate sheet if necessary.

License Number: _____ **Year Issued:** _____ **Was this license revoked or suspended?** _____

Seed Source Details

Industrial hemp seed planted in Maine is required by law to come from a certified seed source. Please attach a copy of the certification showing that the industrial hemp seed to be planted meets AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies) seed certification standards (or other seed certification standards approved by the Department) and that the plants from which the seeds were produced were tested by a 3rd party during the active growing season as producing industrial hemp having a THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol) concentration that does not exceed 0.3% on a dry weight basis.

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Date Received: _____ **Check #:** _____

Date Reviewed: _____ **Reviewed By:** _____

Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Reason: _____

If Yes: Date License Agreement Sent: _____ **License Number:** _____

Industrial Hemp License Application (cont.)

Growing Area Details

Please provide the following information for each growing site. If necessary attach a separate sheet. Non-contiguous growing areas separated by more than 50 miles require a separate application and application fee.

Total Acreage of industrial hemp to be planted: _____

Maps: Please attach maps or aerial photographs of each growing area showing the boundaries and dimensions of each site. Include street names and other descriptive labels when applicable. Maps and GPS coordinates can be found on websites such as: www.google.com/maps

Statement of Property Ownership:

Are you (the applicant) the owner of all the properties listed below where industrial hemp will be grown? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, attach signed statements from each property's owner consenting to the use of their property for growing industrial hemp.

Growing Site 1

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **County:** _____

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Varieties to be planted on this site: _____

Acreage to be planted at this site: _____ **Property Owner Name:** _____

Growing Site 2

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **County:** _____

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Varieties to be planted on this site: _____

Acreage to be planted at this site: _____ **Property Owner Name:** _____

Growing Site 3

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **County:** _____

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Varieties to be planted on this site: _____

Acreage to be planted at this site: _____ **Property Owner Name:** _____

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 is due with this application. Make checks payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine"

I declare that all information provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false, inaccurate or misleading information is grounds for license denial. I further understand that I am not licensed to grow industrial hemp until the Department has approved my application and I have signed a licensing agreement and paid the licensing fee of \$500 plus \$50/acre.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Keep a copy of this application for your records